

Town of  
**Matthews**  
North Carolina  
**Matthews Veterans Advisory Committee**



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**Remote Meeting**

September 2, 2020

**Minutes**

**All participants met remotely**

Chairperson Tom Cannon called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. It was noted the meeting was held remotely due to social distancing requirements of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Mecklenburg County Stay at Home Order.

**Quorum:** 8 of ten members were present: Peter Chryst, Jim Thurman, Larry Stawicki, Jack Santaniello, Charleen Thompson, Fred Baylor, Doug Rose and Tom Cannon. Not present was James Fuller and Michael Vento. Tonya McGovern, Town Liason was also present. Visitors were Joe Michaud, Lawrence Lanzillotta and Mark Tofano.

**Minutes Approval:** The Minutes for the August 5, 2020 were approved unanimously with the Jack Santaniello making the motion and Peter Chryst making a 2nd.

**Treasurers Report:** Jack Santaniello gave his report. Carry Over from last fiscal year is \$3418.45. The new Appropriation from the Town is \$2500. We have spent \$866.60 on flags leaving us Balance available of \$5051.85

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Flags for Stumptown Park Veterans Memorial have been picked up. The Air Force Flag was not correct and is being reordered. The poles came with a plastic ball to go on end and Jack is exploring an option to make that look better.

2. US Service Flag project is still being reviewed. Peter has located between 12 and 18 spots for us to hang our flags. The mounts are already there so we will not



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have to budget for those. Peter and Jack are checking with public works and with Condor flag to get prices for those flags.

3. Veteran of the year report was given by Doug Rose. We have 4 confirmed and 3 possible nominations this year. It was decided if a nomination was chosen and then passed before awarded then the award would be presented to the nominees' family. After the deadline for nominations has passed, Doug will send copies of nominations out to all members of MVAC for our review prior to our October meeting. We will vote on our 2 choices at that meeting and send our 2 recommendations to the Mayor for him to make final choice.

4. MVAC Trifold: Larry has made the corrections to the Trifold. Inside the scan code for cell phones for events would be replaced by access to Atrium Health Aaron Harpers veteran's activities, Mecklenburg County VSO, and Veterans Bridge Home. There were no needed changes to the MVAC Ten Reasons to Hire a Veteran. We are awaiting the Town approval to make the changes then we can print. Jack has another vendor he is going to check prices in to make sure we are doing our due diligence in pricing.

5. Colors Flown for a Day. We need a bit more information on timing for each and how to do it is needed. Charleen is going to reach out to Lori Canapinno to find out how we can handle this project.

6. Display case. Jim Thurman has been made project chair for the cases. He will keep them filled and be on lookout for any new materials to be approved by board before being placed in the cases.

### **New Business:**

1. Guest Mark Tofano spoke about the Stumptown Park project with American Legion and its progress. They have been blessed with many donations. Project will be completed by end of October.



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2. Tonya mentioned that our next meeting we should be allowed to meet in person
3. Jack discussed Veterans Day and the many events the Town is having for that day. Asked if Town needed our help in any capacity.
4. Next meeting is October 7, 2020.
5. We have 2 new applications for members for our **MVAC**. We will meet with them in October and vote on acceptance.
6. The meeting was adjourned by vote at 8:09PM

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Charleen Thompson

Secretary MVAC